He read one of the Psalms, concluding weather cometh out of the

of applause. He then introduced Rev. F. D. Power, of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, of this city, who led the developal exercises. Dr. Power first read alternately with the assembly the morning lesson, then called for silent prayer, and followed that with a fervent appeal that closed with the whole audience repeating

President Clark then said the business details of the convention were so simple that they could be left mainly to Secretary John Willis Baer, who sat at his right,

The mighty voice of the meeting then went up to God in the strong, manly worship of Col. John Hay's hymn of wel-

Dr. Clark then said:

"There are many Smiths, but on this octhat is Mr. W. H. H. Smith, chairman of the committee on arrangements, who will now give you a word of welcome."

MR. SMITH'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Smith said they had every man avaisable at work and hoped by night good Tent Williston would be on its feet again. Meantime meetings would be held at Wesley Methodist, probably Epiphany, and other Methodist, probably Epiphany, and other churches. They could not expect him to make a great speech, as he had been busy since early morning, without breakfast, to set right the work of the elements. His address was applanded again and again, especially his references to the Federal government. In the course of his remarks Mr. Smith

In the course of his remarks Mr. Smith smit:

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spint, saith the Lord of Hosts."

I wish it were possible for me at this morner to sink my personality out of sight and to be to you only a voice; and that the voice could adequately cry into your hearts the three great words which we desire shall be the key words of the fifteenth international Christian Endeavor convention: Welcome! Worship! Work!

A royal welcome! Worship! Work!

A royal welcome from the government of these United States of America, which, by its representatives in Congress, without a dissenting vole, enacted the law granting us the use of this beaufind and spacious public reservation, and by its executive officers—from his excellency, the President, to the heads and assistants in the several departments, who have helped us in every reasonable way to provide for your confort and to greet your coming.

A hearty welcome from the honorable Commissioners, officials, citizens and press of this city, who have so readily and generously contributed in preparing for your pleasure and profit.

A sincere welcome from the clergy of all

erously contributed in preparing for your pleasure and profit.

A sincere welcome from the clergy of all denominations, who, without a word of carping or criticism, have encouraged us in all of our plans.

A Christian welcome from the seventy-five churches, which, without a single request from us, have been freely placed at your disposal for use during this convention.

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A loving welcome from the thousands of homes whose doors have been flung wide open for your entertainment.

A great welcome from the Endeavorers of the District of Columbia Linion, with their labors and sacrifices in your behalf, and from the more than 3,000 workers upon the several committees, who have planned and toiled for you.

A glad welcome from the Epworth Leagues and Other societies who have cheered and belped us in many ways, and who join with as in swelling this great convention chorus to more than 4,600 voices. Welcome: A hundred times welcome! Welcome for all, of whatever nation, or people, or denomination, who own alleginance to our Lord Jesus Christ.

But is this air? I sit alone for the earthly fellowships, the social meetings and greetings, good and glad as they are, that we have been so long and so lovingly preparing for you with such enthusiasm and expectation? I am sure that you will agree with me that it were indeed worth the discomforts, wearings and expense of thousands of miles of travel to clasp the right hand of such fellowship whose left holds no darger; to knit up friendships which weave in beavenly tissues, and to color into your lives me in a treasures of interest and information which you can receive in this hone of the ration. But we want more than this for you.

An Earnest Exhibit Taxion.

AN EARNEST EXHORTATION.

Dear friends, if our highest hopes for on are to be realized, and we believe they Dear friends, if our highest hopes for you are to be realized, and we believe they are; if our most carnest longings for you are to be satisfied, and we are confident they shall be: if the fullness of that for which we have planned, prayed and toiled is now come to its consummation, and we believe it has, then those tents are the tabernacles of God, and you are in the andience chamber of your King, and have come to meet and to greet the Lord of heaven and earlie, our Lord, our Savior, our Brother, our one Master, even Christ. Oh, it is this, it is this, we wish for you. May the appear before you in every prayer

our Brother, our one Master, even Christ.
Oh, it is this, it is this, we wish for you. May He appear tefore you in every prayer and song. May He be lifted up in every Scripture and address. May He walk with you through these parks and streets. May He sit beside you in these seats. May He walk with you through these parks and streets. May His spirit of it you and with you. Here may your lives be fully "hid with Christ in God." May this be a real Mount of Transfiguration, where you shall catch senie what of the shinding of His face and garments, and realize more vividly than ever before the tremendous import of a work which stirs the interest of all heaven.

If our devotion to your interests has established any claim to your affection; if our serifices for your happiness call for any return from you, if our efforts in your behalf place you under any obligation whatsoever, then by so much and to such extent as we have any right, we plead with and command you to "make it pay," by stepping out upon a higher plane and a broader view of life than ever before into every place where the Master calls you, to do better and braver work for Him whose incarnated life motto was, "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister." So shall your Christiler life answer the pertinent question of this utilitarian age, and by every soul won to our Master, and every heart helped in His service, you shall "make it pay" over and over; "make it pay" over and over; "make it pay" for anything and everything done for you and for this convention.

GREAT APPLAUSE.

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President Clark said be wanted the audi ence to look once more in the faces of two members of this Washington committee of '96. Mr. Smith and Mr. Foster must come side there was a great round of applause, but Dr. Clark was not satisfied.

"Now." he said, "I want you to give them a demonstration of genuine Christian Endeavor euthusiasm."

handkerchiefs and flags, and some one in raised a tremendous storm of applause, in

The hymn of welcome, by Carlton Hughes, was taken up, a little lagging at first, but "Father" Clark called for the waving of flags in time to the tune, "America," and it was song through with spirit.

Rev. R. J. Service of Detroit, introduced for the response to the welcome, said in part: "We expected a warm welcome from earnest. (Cheers.) When we considered the company that gathers annually on Capitol Hill we expected a windy welcome and we've got that, too. We've taken possession of Washington.

and, Coxey like, we expect to walk upon the grass. We don't expect either Father Clark or Secretary Baer to be excorted to your prison doors unless they go on missionary work." He spoke of the great civil war, which

many of them remembered, and said today the North recognizes that some of the most patriotic citizens of the land come to out national gatherings of every kind from

The young, he said, were gathered here for the work of the Lord. It was as in the war, when the average age of the Army of the Potomac was only twenty-two years and whole regiments only aver-aged eighteen years.

The work of the world was largely done

Ye that come from afar

Before you visit the Capitol, or the Monument, or the White House, or any of the magnificent monuments of architectural skill of which this proud city of ours can boast, VISIT THE GREATEST WONDER OF ALL:-

Stoll's Tan Shoe Sale AT 810 7TH STREET.

Thousands have seen our public buildings and still other thousands will admire them, but for you is reserved the privilege of witnessing a shoe sale that has no parallel or equal. No matter whence you come or whither you go, you will never find such shoe bargains as we can show you.

Men's \$2.50 Russia Tan. The \$1.47

Men's \$4 Oxblood, Russet and Chocolate Shoes-needle, opera and globe toes and Yale \$2.47 Women's \$1.50 Tan Oxfordsopera and needle toes.....

Women's \$2.25 Tan Seal and Russia Leather Oxfords needle, opera and square toes - hand turned. A to D widths.....

Women's \$2.50 hand turned Oxfords—light and dark shades— \$1.23

by the young, and it was by these that Christian Endeavor movement was being carried forward for the honor and glory of the Master. He referred at some length to the hope of Canadian annexation, which proved a popular thought.

The Detroit "yell" came in with a vim just before Mr. Service's address. These yells are becoming a feature. Kentucky, Tennessee, Michigan and Illinois each bas its own. At the close of Mr. Service's adfress there were cheers upon cheers.

THE NEW HYMN.

Director Foster then announced a hymn welcome written last year by Miss Julia H. Johnston, by request, and set to music by Mr. P. P. Bilhorn, He said he hoped the musicmaker had not, like the children at Jericho, blown his horn so hard that Tent Williston came down like the city walls.

The hymn was intended for that tent, but was given place here, and Mr. Bilhorn would direct the singing. He also announceed that the remainder of the meeting would be in charge of Rev. Wayland Hoyt, D. D., of Philadelphia.

Dr. Hoyt brought forward President Clark for his annual address by saying his duty was that of introducing a man to himself, Father Clark's references to the intertwining of the American and Canadian flags were greeted with storms of applause. The mention of "Old Glory" set the meet-ing wild. When again he said "Itmeans the abolition of the saloen" the applause was longest and loudest. "Amen" was the word when he said "Washington, '96may it live in history."

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Rev. Dr. Clark then submitted his annual address, in jart, as follows:

Fellow Christian Endeavorers: This is a good year to build platforms. Several have been constructed already. From the great metropolis of the West we can almost hear the resonnding blows of hammer and chis-i as, in another platform, plank is fitted to plank.

Our Christian Endeavor platform was built for us at the beginning by Providence. Its strength has been revealed by our history. My task is an easy one, for I only need write in words what I believe God has written in deeds. If I do not state our platform or rectly, I do not ask you to stand upon it. But if I can read our history aright, these are its chief planks:

First—Our covenant prayer meeting First-Our covenant prayer meeting pledge-the Magna Charta of Christian es

Second—Our consecration meeting, guaranteeing the spiratual character of the society.

Third—Our committees, giving to each active member some specific and definite work "for Christ and the church."

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Fourth—Our interdenominational and international fellowship, based upon our denominational and national hoperalty.

Fifth—Our individual independence and self-government, free from controlof United Society, State or local union, convention at committee, all of which exist for fellowship and inspiration, not for legislation.

Sixth—Our individual subordination as societies to our own churches, of which we cieties to our own churches, of which we claim to be an integral, organic, insepara-

aim to be an imegan, e part. Seventh—Our Christian citizenship plank— Seventh—Our Christ, but, as a society, a Seventh—Our Christian citizenship plank— our country for Christ, but, as a society, no entangling political alliances. Our mis-sionary plank—Christ for the world. Eighth—Our ultimate purpose—to deepen the spiritual life and raise the religious standards of young people the world over.

A PRACTICAL PARADE. A PRACTICAL PARADE.

Christian Endeavor, as our platformshows, is a practical paradox, a reconciler of arreconcilables. It has married opposites, it has brought into an harmonious family, ideas which have been thought to be mutually exclusive. I am tempted to consider this the most important work of Christian Endeavor, in the future as in the most.

past.
Our platform specifies some of the banns that have been proclaimed by Christian Endeavor.
First. It has married the ideas of denominational fidelity and fellowship between denominations, and has written on the door-posts of the home thus formed: "Fidelity and Fellowship, One and Inseparable."

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Closely linked with this idea of interdenominational fellowship is that other great idea of international fellowship. Look at these intertwined flags! They tell their own stary. They teil of our intense love for our own flag—the Stars and Stripes, "Old Glory" if we live in the United States, the Union Jack if we live in Canada or Great Britain. Interlinked as they are, they tell of our world-wide brotherhood. Our society is an arbitration meeting which never adjourns, a peace-with-honor convention that is always in session. On these banners is written: "Loyalty and Brotherhood, One and Inseparable."

Second. Again, if our platform is correct, Christian Endeavor stands for a self-governed society that is yet wholly governed by its own church. I know of no way of developing responsibility except by bearing responsibility. That man and that society will always be a dwarf and weaking that is ever managed by some one else. In comparison with such a man Mr. Caudle behind the bed curtain will be independent and self-respecting.

Let me here take occasion to pledge myself to the Christian Endeavor. No United Society and no convention, no union, and no committee of evangelism, good citizenship, or missions shall legislate for or seek to control any society in the wide world.

THE KIND OF ALLEGIANCE. THE KIND OF ALLEGIANCE.

More and more strongly every year is this principle of Christian Endeavor established, which, indeed, has been fundamental from the beginning—that each society owes allegiance to its own church. Christian Endeavor has proclaimed the banns once more over these two apparently dissimilar ideas—self-government and subordination. It has married them, and has written on the lintel of their door, "Obedience and independence, one and inseparable."

Third. Again, our platform embraces patrictism and humanity. Our patriotic fervor was born at the same time as our missions have gone hand in hand. "America

for Christ' had not ceased to echo before we took up the cry "Christ for the world." It means our country for Christ and Christ for the world. It means good rulers and good laws. It means the aboition of the scioon. It means prohibition wherever we can get it. It means Sabbath observance. It means inflexible opposition to all unrighteodeness—not simply that America may be the greatest nation on which the sun rises, not simply that Britan's drumbeat may be heard around the world, but, above all, that "His kingdom may come and His will may be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

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and Christian missions, one and insepara-

Fourth, Our Christian Endeavor plat-Fourth. Our Christian Endeavor plat-form, once more, stands for organization; it stands for spiritual power. These two great ideas, alast have too often been set over against one another. They have been divorced and sundered far. Come, Chris-tian Endeavor, thou white-robed peace-maker, and pronounce the bands which shall make organization and spiritual power for-ever one.

wer one. We have the organization practically We have the organization practically complete—our covenant pledge, our consecration meeting, our committees, our unions. Our future conquest is a question of spiritual power, and that, O Christian Endeavorers, you must furnish. Spiritual power abdes not in the machinery of itself, but it may be had for the asking. Listen to the promise, Christian Endeavorer. "Ask and ye shall freceive; seek and ye shall find." Spiritual power is as free as the sunlight, as mightly as the tides. It is abundant as electricity but, like electricity, it must be generated. It is as omnipotent as God, but it must be applied.

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The Christian Endeavor history of this past year is the story of this power. Its dominant note has been "Evangelism." "Saved to serve" has Leen its motio. The "new Endeavor" may be summarized at the exangelistic Endeavor, and wise evangensm is spiritual power applied.

THE POWER OF GOD. O Endeavorers, this is your supreme mission. Be the conductor of this spiritual electricity. Be the willing wires, the live wires, along which may run the power of God to every part of our organization. This is the one, the only, recret of true success. "Not by might nor by power," not by organization or by perfection of machinery, not by committees, not by methods, "but not by committees, not by methods, "but by My Spirit, saint the Lord," working through committees and methods and or-ganization.

On that by some word of burning eloquence

ganization.

Oh that by some word of burning eloquence I might lay this thought on the heart of every Endeavorer throughout the world! This word is not mine to speak. It is not any man's to utter. Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Comforter, speak Thou the word that makes our organization live.

But I can, I do, urge you to make this the Christian Endeavor watchword of the coning year. Each year of the fifteen years has been noted for some advance step. Each convention has been signalized by some great thought. "Citizenship," "Missions," "Fellowship," have been our watchwords at conventions past, and they are our watchwords still; for a step ence gained we will not lose. And here is the greatest word, and best of all: Spiritual Power. "Washington, '96"—may fitlive in history as the convention of God's power! 1896.7, the year of God's energizing might in Christian Endeavor!

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Then, as steel and copper, litherto unwellable metals, are welted together by the mighty subtle power of electricity in a union so complete that no human eye can find the seam, so, by the fusing might of God's spirit in Christian Endeavor, will be welded together fidelity that is true and fellowship that is large-hearted, responsibility that makes strong, and loyalty that makes humble and gentle, patriotism and humanity, organization and spiritual power, now and forever, one and inseparable. And "What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

A SPLENDID SHOUT.

As when Father Clark was introduced the eople all stood on their feet, waived everything that would fly and shouted themselves hoarse, so at the close of his address they applauded again and again.

Dr. Hoyt called on the assembly to reaffirm the principles announced by the founder both on posture and by voice. At his word the great throng arose, and as he counted "three" voted "aye," with a splendid shout, which closed with a strong aye" from the rear, followed by a rippl of laughter.

Mr. Foster then called for the reaffirm ance of the principles by song, and the hymn on page 53 was flung out on the still air with a vehemence at the "Y. P. S. C. E." that

nearly lifted the canvas.

Dr. Hoyt presented the "badge" banner for the greatest proportionate increase in the number of societies during the past year. He said it went again to wave unde the British flag, as it had gone last year. He would be glad to see it return to Amer ica. It was sent with loving greeting to the winners of today. It passed half around the world, from Assiniboia, in the far Northwest, to Scotland.

RECEIVED THE BADGE.

The announcement brought a cheer a Rev. Arnold Strouli of Birmingham, Engand, but now called to a Scotch church, came forward to receive it. He was thorcughly English and clerical in dress, man ner and speech, but Christian Endeavor in spirit and enthusiasm. He said Scotland had grown from 200 societies to 315 and from 9,500 members to 14,500 in the year. He received the banner for that land. As the great symbol was waved from side to side of the stand and displayed to

eager eyes there was a big shout.
"John Willis Baer," "He's all right," echoed from side to side of the huge tent as Dr. Hoyt called the popular secretary to the stand, comparing him in alertness and speed to the Latin delty Mercury. As Mr. Baer

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stood before them to read he was detained several minutes to allow an expression of appreciation. Mr. Baer then submitted his annual re-

Mr. Baer then submitted his annual report, in part as follows:

Christian Endeavor—'It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and cast into his garden; and it grew and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it."—Lake 13:19.

Those few lines give a brief and most accurate account of the beginning and the progress of Christian Endeavor. Wonderral, indeed, has been its growth. Paul has planted and Apollos has watered, but God has given the increase. Yea, verily, the mustard seed cast into br. Clark's garden, the Williston Church, Portland, Me., lifteen years ago, has waxed a great tree. Now, let us count the branches on this great tree. Of the States and provinces that now have each over 1,000 Young People's societies of Christian Endeavor, the Keystone State of Peoply and a still heads the list, with 3.273. New York next, 2.571; Ohio, 2.311; Ontario has now passed to fourth pape, with 1.817; Illinois, 1.802; Indiana, 1.352; Iowa, 1.302.

These figures do not include the numerous other kinds of Christian Endeavor societies that are now fast becoming sturdy branches of the mother tree, such as the Junior, the Intermediate, the Mothers and the Seniors.

There are now 10.084 Junior societies. Pennsylvania leads with 1.224; then New York, not very far behind, with 1.104; Illinois, 836; Ohio, 716; Indiana, 498; Iowa, 496; Massachusetts, 461; California, 442. Notwithstanding many of the States have made solendia dvances in Junior societies. Pennsylvania many of the States have made solendia dvances in Junior societies. Pennsylvania will for the third time secure the Junior "badge" banner-for the largest gain in the number of Junior societies.

And the other banner-gow in the hands of Assinibola, must pass across two imaginary lines to our enterprising neighbors in Mex-low, for her received for the received for the received for the cross of the states have

Assimbola, must pass across two imaginary lines to our enterprising neighbors in Mec-leo, for her records for the greatest pro-portionate increase in number of Junior so-cieties is far a head of all others.

THE INTERMEDIATE SOCIETY.

Next in numerical strength comes the In-ermediate Society: Wien this branch first retroediate Society. When this branch first put forth its stem we know not, it is but a few years old, but, promises richly. In many large churches there is need of banding the older Juniors begether, for aggressive work, preparatory to their graduating into the Young Peoole's Society.

There are now 115 Intermediate societies enrolled and many more of which we have There are now 115 Intermediate societies enrolled, and many more of which we have no record. California. Indiana, and Onio each have 11 curolled. Another year's growth of this branch will be watched with interest, as will that of still two other new branches, the Mothers' Society and the Senior Society. There are 50 of the former and 20 of the latter, Illinois leads in both, Intermediate, the Mothers' and the Senior Societies. New Hampshire and Pennsylvania eachter port 3 Senior Societies, and Kansael 11 Mothers' and Pennsylvania eachter port 3 Senior Societies, and Kansael 11 Mothers' and Pennsylvania eachter man Pennsylvania for the Junior and Young People's, have great promise of power, athrill with life as they are.

We have not time to investigate the branches in schools, in colleges, in public institutions of all kinds, in prisons and schools of reform, in aliushouses, asylums, institutions for the bland, etc., on board ships, men-of-war, at havy yards, in life stations and among life-savers, among the boys in the in United States harracks in

boys in this in United States barracks, in largefactories, among car-drivers, policemen and patroineo, in the Travelers' Union, etc., but we cannot pass by the growth of the Canadian and foreign "branches," for they next attract our admiration.

All Canada has 3.292 societies, and in foreign and missionary lands there are now 6.399 societies enrolled. The United Kingdom has over 3,000; Australia, over 2,000; France, 66; West Indies, 63; India, 128; Mexico, 62; Turkey, 41; Africa, 38; China, 40; Germany, 18; Japan, 66; Madagascar, 93, and so on antil every country in the world is represented, save three or four, making a grand total of 46,125 branches, pride!

ENGLAND GETS IT.

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The "badge" banner, which is given for the greatest absolute gain in number of Young People's societies, can again be carried back to England's shores. Pennsylvania and other States have made a splendid effort to keep it on this side of the "pond," but it is evident that our brothers and sisters on the other side have a firm grasp upon it.

The banner for the greatest proportionate gain in number of societies for the first time crosses the "briny deep" to Scotland's shores. What will another year bring forth? Shall both banners float on the queen's domains?

The fruits, what are some of them?

shores. What will another year bring forth? Shall both banners float on the queen's domains?

The fruits, what are some of them? Bystematic Bible study; circulation of good literature; denominational loyalty intensified; pastors encouraged; Sunday-schools enlarged; church services attended; pastor-less churches assisted; midweek prayer-meetings sustained; cottage prayer-meetings inaugurated; evangelistic services in asylums, almshouses, prisons, reformatories, in factories, in street car stations, at homes for the aged, feeble-minded, soldiers' homes and other public institutions; openiar Gospel meetings at wharves and coaldocks, in parks and at street corners; Gospel wagous employed; public drinking-fountains erected; poor children and mothers given free river, ocean and car rides; new churches built; old ones repaired; city missions revived; young men preparing for the ministry; Endeavor volunteers for home and foreign missions.

And that teads me to make mention of the missionary roll of honor which will be unrolled in our meetings on Friday. Upon it are the names of over 5.869 Young People's societies and 2.331 Junior societies, from 35 States, 7 Territories, 7 provinces, 4 foreign lands. These societies have given \$154,022.68 through their own denominational boards to the cause of home and foreign missions.

In addition to this amount which has been given by these \$2.00 societies that we have enrolled upon the roll of honor, we find that \$206,150.21 has been given by these same

Saturday and Sunday Trips to the

Commencing Saturday, May 30, and continuing until further notice, the B. & O. R. R. Co. will sell excursion tickets, at rate of one fare for the round trie, for regular trains of Saturday and Sunday, to points on the Metropolitan Branch and Main Line between Washington, Harper's Perry and Charlestown, and to foints on the Washington branch between Washington and Laurel.

societies for Christ and the church in other ways, making a total of \$860,172.89, the argest amounts given by any one society being \$1,07,01 by the Clarendon Street Repust Society of Boston, and a little over \$1,000 by the Calvary Presbyterian Society of Buffalo, N. Y.

THE ROLL OF HONOR. Let me make it plain that the \$154,022.68 given direct to mission boards by the \$,000 societies and their gifts of \$206, 150.21 for other benevolences represent only the record of the societies that have asked to be enrolled upon the "missionary roll of honor."

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But there is other good fruit, such as open nostalty to bunday basebati playing and Sunday excursions, whether by bleyde, train or boat, and every violation of the Sabbath day, race-track gambling and lotteries antagonized; well-planned Christian citizenship battles fought at the primaries; aggressive and organized voters' warfare against the saloon; increase of hatred for the entire liquor traffic and its power in the party politics of all nations. Aye, a more intelligent spirit of patriotism has been promoted everywhere. Christian Endeavor believes Bishop Berkeley knew what was needed when he said, years ago, "To be a good patriot a man must consider his countrymen as God's creatures, and nimself as accountable for his acting toward them."

Then, another fruit, and a blessed one, has been the growth of our interocommunational fellowship.

In the united States the denominational representation is as follows: The Presbyterians still lead, with 5,458 Young People's societies and 2,559 Junior societies; the Congregationalists have 4,108 Young People's societies and 2,577 Junior societies; the Disciples of Christ and Christians, 2,941; Young People's societies and 2,577 Junior societies; and please of the patrion, 2,573 Junior societies; and 2,58 Junior societies; and 2,59 Junio

limitor societies, and so on, through a long list.

in the Dominion of Canada the Methodists of Canada lead, with 1,041 Young People's societies and 150 Junior societies (most of the societies known as Epworth League of Christian Endeavor); Canadian Presbyterians are next, with 1,026 Young People's societies; and 134 Junior societies; Eaptists text, with 173 Young People's societies and 34 Junior societies; Congregationalists next, with 103 Young People's societies and 30 Junior societies, etc.

In the 1 intea Kingdom the Eaptists lead, with over 100; Congregationalists next, with over 100, and the Fresbyterians, Episcopalians, Moravians and Friends, in order named.

In Australiathe Wesleyan Methodists lead, and Congregationalists, Eaptists, Presbyterians follow.

The secretary's report was punctuated again and again with cheers, and when he a warded the Junior banner to Pennsylvania there was a stormy outburst, with "What's the matter with Pennsylvania? She's all

A little less vigorous was the approvalof a similar award carrying a Junior banner from Canada to Mexico.

At a signal from Dr. Hoyt, at the close the audience said in unison, "We "On account of the wind," said Dr.

Hoyt, "some things that were to have been done in Tent Williston must be done awarded for the greatest absolute increase. Dr. Teunis Hamlin, who was to have pre sented it, was absent. Dr. Hoyt said he would not present it, but Joseph Brown Morley, secretary of British Council, of Chester, England, would receive it for this year, as last. Mr. Morley proved to te an eloquent

man of the cosmopolitan type. He said America had sent Maryland many good things, but the best was Christian Endeaver. He wished every State and country might have the banner, but as that could not be he wanted it for England. They needed it in England one more year. And he told how it hung as a symbol of power over great evangelistic meetings at Manchester and London.

and happy allusions, of which the audience was quick to show its appreciation.

Mr. Ross said:

The people of the District of Columbia have witnessed many distinguished gatherings within the past decade. They saw white plumed Knights Templar march upon the historic Avenue by the thousands; the grizzled veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic paraded upon the line of march followed by the survivors of Sherman's army in 1865; then came the Knights of Pythias in grand encampment, and other noted organizations which have deemed it a duty as well as an honor to meet once at least in the city which bears tae name of Washington. But the capital, in all of its experience as a convention city, never before had as its guests 40,000 young and enthusiastic adherents of such a cause and such a purpose as that which has brought together these representative American citizens today. I esteem it a great honor to bid you welcome in the name and by the authority of the people of the District of Columbia.

It is an especial pleasure to extend a greeting to those of you who have come-from other national jurisdictions. Your presence today shows that the boundary lines between nations are not barriers to co-operation among those who profess the same faith, and who seek to attain the same faith, and who seek to attain the same faith, and who seek to attain the same great result. You are not deemed strangers in a strange land, but friends and brothren in a common cause.

The principles which you profess and the work upon which you strive bot only tend to the elevation of individual aims and character, but they are in the direction of good citzenship and they are for good government. Every municipal officer welcomes such a force and such an influence in the community wherein he is a public servant.

There is another standpoint from which our people extend to you a heartfelt greeting. You are assembled in the only city in all the land to which all of you who are citizens of the United States can come with the same rights and privileg He colivened his address with a story of weather that showed why Washington reminded him of Scotland. They have mists and Endeavoter from another state to state fully in all of your local State pride.

You meet today not only as members of the Christian Endeavor Society, not merely as inhabitants of New York and Virginia and Illinois and Kansas, but as citizens of the United States, gathered together in your capitalcity. You are not merely guests and visitors; you are owners and proprietors, whose rights no man may gainsty. In common with all the people of the United States you own not only these national public buildings, these beautiful parss and reservations, but also all of the streets and avenues as laid out under the guidance of President George Washington in the original city which bears his name.

We are all endeavorers here this week. We will endeavor to show by our kindly acts and by our poor words, how cordial and sincere our greeting is intended to be. When the work of your convention shall have ended and you shall have journeyed to your homes, may you have with you in perpetual memory only fragrant and agreeable recollections of your great convention of '96, and of the hospitality of the people in that country; it would be called rain here. A visitor there, after three days of mist, went out to have his boots blacked. "Does it rain here like this always," he asked the hoy.

"Naw," was the prompt answer; "It sometimes snaws." Dr. Hoyt then announced the changes of meetings, on account of the Tent Williston accident, as given in the introduction of

this account. Director Foster led the singing by the Washington '96 chair of the convention anthem, written by Secretary Morgan, of the '96 committee. At the close a great cheer was given for the Washington choir. Canon Richardson pronounced the benediction, and the initial meeting was closed. In twenty minutes the tent was nearly clear.

IN TENT ENDEAVOR.

Commissioner Ross Gave a Warm

Welcome to the Delegates. The scene presented by the vast congregation which assembled in Tent Erdeavor this morning to participate in the nitial services of the convention was as pleasant from an aesthetic standpoint as was inspiring to the speakers.

Despite the wet ground and threatening skies there were many pretty, bright-colored cashmeres in evidence. When all these were gathered in the tent the tout ensemble produced a most interesting effect. Every face was full of interest and attention and a composite photograph made of all of them would have been a picture with a strong expression of happiness lacking.

Of course there was plenty of feminine beauty, which is ever welcome on all kinds of occasion. Its attractiveness was heightened by the flutter of mrylads of fans, be hind which the radient faces seemed to be playing hide and seek.

All the arrangements for handling the big crowd were perfect and there was not a nitch in the program. The rain graciously withstood the temptation to souse the housands on their way to the grounds. but as soon as they were safely under the tents it came down in torrents.

THE FIRST SONG.

Though 9:30 was the hour set for the opening of services the crowd began to semble at 9 o'clock sharp, and when Mr. E. O. Excell of Chicago, the musical diector gave out "Scatter Sunshine" us the first song the tent was nearly half full, and the attendance was largely increased by late arrivals.

After singing "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story," Dr. Tyner delivered a prayer, in which thanks were returned for the safe assembling, after passing so many dangers "The Banner of the Cross." of a Scripture lesson from Matthew v., 1-12, followed. Chairman Howard K. Grose, of Boston, remarked, by way of introduc tion, that he knew that Washington would take good care of the crowd, rain or sun shine, after which the congregation sang Then came the "Invocation Hymn," writ-

en for the occasion by Col. John Hay, one of Lincoln's private secretaries and biog-Mr. Grose said that it has been stated that Washington was the best governed place in the country, and that he supposed every-

ways excepting the particular communities The fifteenth annual convention was ther ectared by Chairman Grose to be opened. He introduced Commissioner John W. Ross. who delivered an eloquent address of wel come. The program was all right, he said, with the exception that the weather seemed

that General Humidity thought all the En deavorers are Baptists. ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

a bit overdue-for the reason, apparently

Mr. Ross' address lasted something over salf an hour, and was heard with close attention. It was full of impressive periods

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and happy allusions, of which the audi-

and of the hospitality of the people DR. GREENE'S WORDS.

Chairman Grose then spoke humorously of the trials of speaking in a tent, owing to

the comparative absence of acoustic prop-

Greene, whose address of welcome served

Brunswick, responded to the address of

welcome in a most fitting and effective

He expressed his pleasure that the priv-

llege of returning thanks for such a gra-

Canadian-American. He referred to the

founding of the country, and the precious memories which clustered about Plymouth

He had been disappointed with the capi-

tal's great national buildings he said, but

the effect of the magnificent Washington

pated. He referred to the characteristics

which made all Anglo-Saxons brothers, and

eulogized the race tersely and intelli-

Mr. Excell sang a song entitled, "Let a

General Secretary John Willis Baer's

Amid great applause Chairman Grose in

troduced the great evangelical singer.

Ira D. Sankey, of Brooklyn who was to

have conducted the musical exercises in

the blown-down Tent Williston. He was

received with tumultuous applause and

After referring humorously to the re-

ports about his death Mr. Sankey sang "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love."

Chairman Grose then introduced the first

signer of the first Christian Endeavor con-

stitution, William H. Pennell, and ther

sentative of the Pennsylvania Endeavorer

winners of the "Junior Badge" banner for

the greatest increase in the number of

junior societies. This telng the third con-

secutive year that Pennsylvania has won it.

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Mexico, but as Mr. Peter Grant, that coun-

try's representative, was not present, the

presentation was postponed. Rev. F. E.

Clark, president of the society, then read his

During Mr. Clark's address a photograph

was made of the audience. When the speak-

er's voice gave out, Chairman Grose sug-

gested that the audience should give him a

rest by applauding so vociferously that the speaker would find itimposible to be heard.

The suggestion was adopted with enthusiasm. But, for that matter, the president's

address was generously punctuated all through with hearty applause.

At the conclusion of Mr. Clark's address

Chairman Grose, after referring to the two political parties, asked for the ayes

of all who would adopt the platform pro-

posed by President Clark. There was a storm of affirmatives. "There won't be

a 'no,' " exclaimed the chairman, "for I won't ask for it."

The choir then sung the anthem, "Loyal

Boldiers," after which the meeting ad-

increase in Junior Societies was

annual report.

report was received with applause, DR. SANKEY SANG.

Little Sunshine In," which elicited more applause than anything which had been

said by the speakers.

cries of "Sing! Sing!"

nument was more than he had antici-

cious welcome had come to him, a British

as an emphasis and elaboration of that de-

livered by Commissioner Ross.

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